

I took up Forensics this year because I wanted to improve my English and to learn how to speak in front of an audience. At the beginning, I was very nervous but afterwards I started practicing and becoming better and better.

In my first Debate tournament, my partner Elena and I were both very scared and at the first round we came last! We were very disappointed! Yet, at the second round we tried harder and came second! After that I started liking Forensics and I realized what an amazing experience it is! I participated in other tournaments too and I also participated in the PanHellenic Forensics Association Tournament in Thessaloniki. There, I chose to participate in 2 events, in Group Discussion and in Oratory. Group discussion was like a debate and I liked it. But I really loved Oratory, where you have to make a speech for about 7 minutes. Before the speech, I was terrified and really nervous because I wasn't only the most inexperienced participant but also the youngest! But when I started talking, I forgot all of these thoughts and I really enjoyed it! I've learnt so many things from Forensics, like how to persuade someone with my arguments, how to speak in front of an audience and I also met a lot of other people! Forensics is an unbelievable experience!

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